

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
BECKLEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 5:23-cr-00145

RICHARD SHAWN OWENS

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO DEFENDANT'S STANDARD DISCOVERY REQUESTS AND  
REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES FOR RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY**

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 16.1(a) of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Arraignment Order and Standard Discovery Request entered by the Court in this case on September 14, 2023, the United States of America, by counsel, herewith responds to each of defendant's Standard Discovery Requests as follows:

**Request A:** Disclose to defendant the substance of any relevant oral statement made by defendant, whether before or after arrest, in response to interrogation by a person the defendant knew was a government agent if the government intends to use the statement at trial. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(A)]

**Response:** An audio recording of defendant's statement to law enforcement is disclosed herein.

**Request B:** Disclose to defendant and make available for inspection, copying or photographing, all of the following:

(i) Any relevant written or recorded statement by the defendant if the statement is within the government's possession, custody, or control; and the attorney for the government knows--

or through due diligence could know--that the statement exists.  
[Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B)(i)]

**Response:** See response to Request A. See also text messages at OWENS-145-0106-0229.

(ii) The portion of any written record containing the substance of any relevant oral statement made before or after arrest if the defendant made the statement in response to interrogation by a person the defendant knew was a government agent. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B)(ii)]

**Response:** See reports at OWENS-145-0005-0019, OWENS-145-0028-0031.

(iii) The defendant's recorded testimony before a grand jury relating to the charged offense. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B)(iii)]

**Response:** Defendant did not testify before the grand jury.

Request C: Where the defendant is an organization, e.g., a corporation, partnership, association or labor union, disclose to the defendant any statement described in Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(A) and (B), if the government contends that the person making the statement (i) was legally able to bind the defendant regarding the subject of the statement because of that person's position as the defendant's director, officer, employee, or agent; or (ii) was personally involved in the alleged conduct constituting the offense and was legally capable to bind the defendant regarding that conduct because of that person's position as the defendant's director, officer, employee, or agent. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(C)]

**Response:** Not applicable.

Request D: Furnish the defendant with a copy of defendant's prior criminal record that is within the government's possession, custody, or control if the attorney for the government knows--or

through due diligence could know--that the record exists. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(D)]

**Response:** Records from defendant's prior conviction are disclosed as OWENS-145-0001-0004.

**Request E:** Permit the defendant to inspect and to copy or photograph books, papers, documents, data, photographs, tangible objects, building or places, or copies or portions of any of those items, if the item is within the government's possession, custody or control, and (i) the item is material to preparing the defense; (ii) the government intends to use the item in its case-in-chief at trial; or (iii) the item was obtained from or belongs to defendant. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(E)]

**Response:**

- a. Virginia State Police Report (OWENS-145-0005-0019);
- b. HSI Reports (OWENS-145-0020-0051);
- c. DNA Sample Evidence Form (OWENS-145-0052);
- d. DNA Search Warrant (OWENS-145-0053-0067);
- e. Residence Search Warrant (OWENS-145-0068-0098);
- f. Evidence Logs (OWENS-145-0099-0104);
- g. Miranda Waiver (OWENS-145-0105);
- h. Text Message Extractions (OWENS-145-0106-0229);
- i. CAC Intake Form (OWENS-145-0230-0231);
- j. DNA Examination Form (OWENS-145-0232);
- k. Audio Recording - Defendant Interview;
- l. Verizon Subpoena Documents;
- m. Search Warrant Photos;
- n. Photos of Victim's Phone.

**Request F:** Permit the defendant to inspect and to copy or photograph the results or reports of any physical or mental examination and of any scientific tests or experiment if (i) the item is within the government's possession, custody, or control; (ii) the attorney for the government knows--or through due diligence could know--that the item exists; and (iii) the item is material to preparing the defense or the government intends to use the item in its case-in-chief at trial. [Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(F)]

**Response:** The United States reserves the right to supplement its response to this Request.

**Request G:** For any testimony the government intends to use under Rules 702, 703 or 705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence during its case-in-chief, or during rebuttal to counter testimony that the defendant has timely disclosed under reciprocal discovery, give to the defendant, in writing, the following information:

- (i) a complete statement of all opinions that the government will elicit from the witness in its case-in-chief, or during its rebuttal to counter testimony that the defendant has timely disclosed under reciprocal discovery;
- (ii) the bases and reasons for them;
- (iii) the witness's qualifications, including a list of all publications authored in the previous 10 years; and
- (iv) a list of all other cases in which, during the previous 4 years, the witness has testified as an expert at trial or by deposition.

If the government requests discovery under the second bullet point in Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 16(b)(1)(C)(i) and the defendant complies, the government must, at the defendant's request, disclose to the defendant, in writing, the information listed above in (i) through (iv) for testimony that the government intends to use at trial under Rules 702, 703, or 705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence on the issue of the defendant's mental condition.

The witness must approve and sign the disclosure, unless the government states in the disclosure why it could not obtain the witness's signature through reasonable efforts, or the government has previously provided a report, signed by the witness that contains all the opinions and the bases and reasons for them.

[Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G)]

**Response:** The United States reserves the right to supplement its response to this Request.

**Request H:** Disclose to defendant all evidence favorable to defendant, including impeachment evidence, and allow defendant to inspect, copy or photograph such evidence.

**Response:** The United States is not aware of any such evidence aside from what may be provided herein.

**Request I:** Notify defendant of all evidence the government intends to introduce pursuant to Rule 404(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

**Response:** At this time the United States does not intend to introduce any evidence pursuant to Rule 404(b). The United States reserves the right to supplement its response to this Request.

**Request J:** Disclose to defendant all reports of government "mail cover," insofar as the same affects the government's case against the defendant or any alleged aiders and abettors or co-conspirators.

**Response:** None.

**Request K:** Disclose to defendant any matter as to which the government will seek judicial notice.

**Response:** The United States intends to seek judicial notice that Greenbrier County is within the Southern District of West Virginia.

**Request L:** Disclose to defendant and make available for inspection, copying or photographing, the results of any interception of a wire, oral or electronic communication in the possession, custody or control of the government, the existence of which is known, or by the exercise of due diligence could become known, to the attorney for the government, which contains any relevant statement made by the defendant or which is material to the preparation of the defendant's defense or which is intended for use by the government as evidence in its case-in-chief at the trial. For each such interception, disclose (1) any application

for an order authorizing the interception of a wire or oral communication; (2) any affidavits filed in support thereof; and (3) any court order authorizing such interception.

**Response:** Not applicable.

**Request M: Provide notice to defendant of the government's intention to use evidence pursuant to Rule 12(b)(4)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.**

**Response:** The United States reserves the right to use all information and evidence disclosed herein or made available for inspection and copying pursuant to this Response and such information and evidence which may be discovered and finally provided to defendant.

Any discovery provided that is not mandated by Court order, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, federal statute or federal case law, is provided voluntarily as a matter of discretion solely to expedite and facilitate litigation of this case.

REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES FOR RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY

Pursuant to Rules 16.1(b) and 16.1(d) of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States of America requests that defendant provide all applicable reciprocal discovery within 14 days of the service of this response and the provision of materials requested by defendant in the Standard Discovery Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is hereby certified that the foregoing "RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO DEFENDANT'S STANDARD DISCOVERY REQUESTS AND REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES FOR RECIPROCAL DISCOVERY" has been electronically filed and service has been made on opposing counsel by virtue of such electronic filing this 28th day of September, 2023 to:

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